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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 2, 2002

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action Mailed December 2, 2002, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and traverse.